

SENATE BILL No. 18

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-10-3.

Synopsis: Sheriff's merit board. Allows appointment of sheriff's merit board members without regard to political affiliation.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2015,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) The fiscal body of each county shall, by
4 ordinance, establish a sheriff's merit board to be known as the
5 _____ county sheriff's merit board (inserting
6 the name of the county).
7 (b) The board consists of five (5) members. Three (3) members shall
8 be appointed by the sheriff, and two (2) members shall be elected by a
9 majority vote of the members of the county police force under
10 procedures established by the sheriff's merit board. However:
11 (1) an active county police officer;
12 (2) a relative (as defined in IC 36-1-20.2-8) of an active county
13 police officer; or
14 (3) a relative (as defined in IC 36-1-20.2-8) of the sheriff;
15 may not serve on the board, either as a member appointed by the sheriff
16 or elected by the county police force. Appointments are for terms of
17 four (4) years or for the remainder of an unexpired term. ~~Not more than~~



1 ~~two (2) of the members appointed by the sheriff nor more than one (1)~~
2 ~~of the members elected by the officers may belong to the same political~~
3 ~~party.~~ All members must reside in the county. All members serve
4 during their respective terms and until their successors have been
5 appointed and qualified. A member may be removed for cause duly
6 adjudicated by declaratory judgment of the circuit court of the county.

7 (c) As compensation for service, each member of the board is
8 entitled to receive from the county a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15)
9 per day for each day, or fraction of a day, that the member is engaged
10 in transacting the business of the board.

11 (d) As soon as practicable after the members of the board have been
12 appointed, they shall meet upon the call of the sheriff and organize by
13 electing a president and a secretary from among their membership.
14 Three (3) members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction
15 of business. The board shall hold regular monthly meetings throughout
16 the year as is necessary to transact the business of the sheriff's
17 department.

